STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST TEN CONTRACTORS

RENO, NV – At its meeting April 10, 2001, the Nevada State Contractors' Board adjudicated cases against ten licensed contractors.

William Tracy Melchiorre, d.b.a. Reno Sparks Legacy Landscaping, license number 44647 (Landscape Contracting) based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a contract; failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Reno Sparks Legacy Landscaping.

Lamprecht Construction, license number 22004 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Reno, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to obtain the discharge or release of a lien and bidding in excess of the monetary limit on his license. The licensee was assessed the cost of the investigation and a permanent letter of reprimand will be placed in licensee's file.

Commercial Sealants, license number 42478 (Urethane and Epoxy Coatings), based out of Reno, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include his license number and monetary limit on a contract and acting in the capacity of a contractor under a name other than the name set forth on the license. The Board revoked the license of Commercial Sealants.

Architectural Concrete Company, license number 8684A (Concrete Contracting), based out of Reno, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with notice to correct; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract. The Board suspended Architectural Concrete Company's license for 60 days and ordered the licensee to take corrective action.

Vowell Engineering, license number 46592 (Excavation, Grading, Trenching, Paving; Sewers, Drains and Pipes; Paving of Streets, Driveways and Parking Lots; Pipeline and Conduits) based out of Reno, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for abandonment of a construction project; failure to comply with a notice to correct; bidding in excess of monetary limit; failure to pay for materials and services; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to

cooperate in the investigation of a complaint and failure to keep in force the bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Vowell Engineering.

Tankersly Construction, license numbers 37720 (B -Residential and Small Commercial) and 37868 (Excavating, Grading, Trenching and Surfacing; Paving of Streets, Driveways and Parking Lots; and Pipeline and Conduits) based out of Reno, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials and services; failure to establish financial responsibility; substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct and failure to cooperate in an investigation of a complaint. The Board revoked the license of Tankersley Construction.

J.W. Smith Construction and Development, License No. 32695 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Reno, Nevada. The licensee was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to notify the Board of a change of address and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of J.W. Smith Construction and Development.

Sierra Nevada Signs, license number 48212 (Erecting Signs) based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials or services; failed to obtain a necessary building permit; abandoning a construction project and failure to include the monetary limit on a contract. The Board revoked the license of Sierra Nevada Signs.

Schaper Painting Co. South, license number 47169 (Painting and Decorating) based out of Riverside, CA was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The board revoked the license of Schaper Painting Co. South.

Edge Glass of Reno, license number 35197 (Glass and Glazing) and Edge Contract Glazing, Inc., license number 45453 (Glass and Glazing) based out of Reno, NV were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials or service; failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to cooperate with an investigation of a complaint. The Board revoked the license of Edge Glass of Reno and Edge Contract Glazing, Inc.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

- 1. Hire only licensed contractors.
- Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a <u>License Check</u> by visiting our website at: <u>www.state.nv.us/nscb/</u>.
- 3. Get three references, and review past work.
- 4. Get at least three bids.
- 5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
- 6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
- 7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
- 8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
- 9. Don't pay cash.
- 10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Las Vegas, NV on April 24 & 25, 2001.